

## Ford Visit Raises Money For Sure; Votes, Maybe

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Vice President Gerald Ford helped state Republicans gather \$300,000 in campaign donations Saturday, but top GOP officials feel there was an even better basis for Ford's one-day visit — votes.

However, Michigan Democrats aren't so sure Ford — who is closely tied to the Nixon administration — will be

much of a GOP asset in Michigan's elections this year. Ford visited Kalamazoo, Saginaw and Detroit in a tour designed primarily to retire the Michigan GOP debts, totaling about \$500,000.

But the visit, especially in Saginaw, underscored political battles emerging between the major parties. Two special congressional elections loom in

the near future, and there's the governor's race in November. Sunday, Michigan GOP state chairman William McLaughlin termed Ford the "breath of fresh air the people of America are looking for. He is nothing but a plus-factor."

Ford, who represented the Grand Rapids area in Congress for 25 years before becoming vice president, said he'd be glad

to campaign for the reelection of Republican Gov. William G. Milliken.

"If he wants me to, I'll be glad to come back and help," Ford said.

Questioned about Ford's remarks, state Democratic Chairman Morley Winograd said he feels Ford is a popular figure, but "I don't believe Gov. Milliken is going to want to be

that closely associated with people in the White House."

Michigan Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley, a Democrat, charged at a Saginaw news conference that Ford's record in Congress was consistently "for the interest of big business, big corporations and the wealthy."

Republicans are quick to point out that Ford is not connected with the Watergate scandal and came through with flying colors during a thorough investigation of his background before he was confirmed as vice president.

McLaughlin, responding to Kelley's remarks about Ford's record, said, "I would venture

### 'Coach' Ford Cheered On By Monty

KALAMAZOO — When Vice President Gerald Ford arrived here Saturday to raise funds for the Republican party, he was greeted by L. Montgomery Shepard, one of the state's top GOP fund-raisers.

Shepard, president of the Berrien County Abstract and Title Co., St. Joseph, said he thinks "it would be great" if Gerry Ford were to become president.

Shepard has a long association with Ford, starting when Shepard was an undergraduate at Yale and Ford was his junior varsity football coach.

to guess Frank Kelley never looked at his (Ford's) voting record."

Saginaw is in the 8th Congressional District, where there will be a special general election April 16 to choose a successor to Rep. James Harvey, R-Mich., who resigned to become a federal judge. The party primaries are slated March 19.

With Ford in Saginaw were the three GOP candidates, state Sen. Robert Richardson, R-Saginaw; James Sparling of Saginaw, Harvey's former administrative aide, and Michael Gillman of Bay City, chairman of the Michigan Compensation Appeals Board.

Rep. Bob Traxler, D-Bay City, is the only announced Democratic candidate for Harvey's seat.

In addition, voters will decide Feb. 18 who will succeed Ford in his western Michigan district. State Sen. Robert VanderLaan of Kentwood is the GOP nominee, while the Democrats are running attorney Richard VanderVeen of Grand Rapids.

"I'm not worried about my prestige one way or the other," Ford said when asked if he felt he'd be hurt if Democrats took over either of the seats. He said he'll help in any race if he

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**EAGLE SCOUT FORD:** Vice-President Gerald R. Ford holds plaque presented in Detroit Saturday by Detroit Boy Scouts in recognition of distinguished service to his country. Ford said he joined Scouting as a Tenderfoot in 1925 and was later an Eagle scout. (AP Wirephoto)

## Trucker Strike Appears At End

By CRAIG AMMERMAN  
Associated Press Writer

The often-violent strike by dozens of groups of disorganized independent truck drivers appeared all but over today.

There were several thousand holdouts who continued to insist they would not climb back in their rigs until diesel fuel prices are rolled back. But their numbers did not appear to be nearly enough to cause the economic hardships which resulted in a quick settlement proposal last Thursday in Washington, D.C.

Key federal officials said it looked to them like the strike was over.

Truck traffic climbed to near prestrike levels Sunday and early today, and violence was down sharply.

However, police in Beaumont, Tex., said a driver was showered with glass early today when a bullet slammed through the window of his moving truck. State police in Kentucky said four trucks were hit by bullets Sunday night, causing minor damage.

Earlier in the strike, violence took the lives of two drivers and several were injured.

At least 15,000 of the 180,000 persons laid off at the height of the 11-day shutdown were due back on the job today as many big rigs headed for markets loaded with meat, produce and industrial parts.

There was little doubt that the

strike's effects would linger. Spot shortages of some foods were certain to keep meat and produce prices at high levels until supplies can be replenished.

six per cent surcharge independent drivers will now be getting for their cargoes. Those increases will eventually be picked up by consumers.

Most of the major organiza-

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**CROWNED AMID SMILES:** It was a happy moment in the young life of Shirley Ann Metcalf, 17, as she was crowned Miss Edwardsburg in that community Saturday night. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Metcalf, route 1, Edwardsburg. She will represent Edwardsburg in Miss Blossomtime competition scheduled for Monday, April 1, at Lakeshore high school. See story on page 28. (Staff photo)

## Truckers Continue Benton Blockade, Lift Two Others

By ALAN AREND  
Staff Writer  
And ASSOCIATED PRESS

Independent truckers continued to blockade Famous X-Way fuel pumps at the truck stop in Benton township early this morning, but blockades at Hildebrand's at New Buffalo and the Sawyer truck stops were lifted Saturday.

Nationally, the independent truckers strike appeared to be over, but various holdouts continued this morning, causing the situation to be confused.

At least five Michigan truckers groups voted Sunday to continue striking, including Twin City area truckers, and refuse to accept the Nixon administration's offer to get them back on the road.

Blockades of diesel fuel pumps were lifted at New Buffalo and Sawyer, Saturday afternoon, and Bill Moomaw, manager of the Sawyer truck stop said things were back to normal. However, he indicated a meeting had been set for 10 a.m. today. One spokesman for the truckers said the blockades would be re-instated.

No violence was reported in southwestern Michigan over the weekend as a result of the strike, but several shooting incidents involving truckers were reported on the eastern-side of the state over the weekend.

Twin City independent truckers registered opposition to the strike settlement in two samplings of opinion they took this past

weekend.

Rejection was overwhelming in a show of hands straw vote, Saturday at the Famous truck stop. Nearly 200 were reported present.

Similar reaction came Sunday, during a three-hour meeting of truck owner-operators at the Red Rooster restaurant, Benton Harbor. Twenty of 31 operators voted to continue the protest.

Indications are that Twin City truckers are not certain that the agreement reached last Thursday, will benefit them, financially. The truckers who spoke all said they want to go back to work, but whether terms of the agreement will make it worth their while remains to be seen.

Mulled over by the local truckers in Benton Harbor was the agreement in Washington, drafted by representatives of the federal government and trucker spokesmen. It calls, in general for a freeze on diesel fuel prices and installation of a six per cent surcharge, the percentage paid back to truckers to reimburse them for past fuel hikes.

Michael Amabile of Eau Claire, who headed the discussion, emphasized that the ballot was not a binding vote. He said it was an opinion poll, only.

Amabile said "There's no law that says I have to go back to

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## Scouts To Honor Decatur Boy For Saving Dad's Life

DECATUR — A 12-year-old Decatur boy credited with saving the life of his father will be presented with a National (Boy) Scout council award tonight at ceremonies beginning at 7 p.m. in Decatur township hall.

The boy, Charles M. Henderson, is to receive scouting's Medal of Merit for his actions Sept. 18 when his father, Charles O. Henderson, suffered a stroke at the Henderson residence, 401 South George street.

Young Henderson received his father with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation after the elder Henderson had collapsed and stopped breathing, according to Robert Beam of Lawton, district advancement chairman for the Scouts.

Father and son were alone at the time, Beam stated.

According to Beam, an award

is also to be presented to a General Telephone company operator who notified police and an ambulance unit for the Henderson youth.

The operator, Mrs. Virginia Burley, 48, of Centreville, will be presented with a certificate of merit from the district scout council, Beam said. Mrs. Burley works as an operator at General Telephone facilities in Three Rivers.

Young Henderson is a sixth grader in Decatur schools, and a member of Scout troop 170 in Decatur, holding second class rank, Beam reported.

He said Henderson, 40, is scoutmaster of the troop.

The youth had received first aid training as a Scout activity not long before his father fell ill, Beam said. He said the youth was 11 when his father collapsed.



**KEPT FATHER ALIVE:** Charles M. Henderson of Decatur will be presented with a National Boy Scout honor tonight for keeping his father, Charles O. Henderson, alive after the elder had suffered a stroke at home. (Staff photo)

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## Cut-Rate Egg Sales Scrambled

BY RALPH LUTZ  
Staff Writer

A truck driver was in jail today for allegedly offering 270,000 eggs off the back of his truck for sale at bargain prices, according to state police from the Benton Harbor post.

The driver is accused of selling 201 cases of eggs at \$7 each, before being arrested Saturday. The wholesale price of a case containing 30 dozen eggs is \$22.50, the post reported.

Troopers said they arrested Michael Jerrold Delaney, 45, of Mankato, Minn., a driver for Simmon Produce Co., Kirkhaven, Minn. The truck was parked Friday night at the Famous truck stop, Benton township. The post said Delaney

was hooked on a charge of theft from an interstate shipment and lodged in the Berrien county jail. The FBI and Berrien prosecutor's office have been contacted, it was reported.

The post said the truck carried 750 cases of eggs, and about half the cases sold to passing motorists and truckers have been recovered. The eggs were being shipped from Minnesota to Warren, a suburb of Detroit.

The post said Delaney has made no official statement, although one trooper reportedly heard him mention being scared and fed up with the trucker strike and wanting to go home. The post was tipped off by an anonymous call, believed to be from another trucker.

## THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing EditorTruckers Want To Wear  
Two Hats At Once

Money arguments arising outside the every day household budgetary dispute develop more rhetoric than other issues debated publicly for the reason they either start with or quickly develop into one side wrapping his thesis in the American flag or scripture or both.

The independent truck drivers' strike is the latest sample of an economic problem better solved by skillful surgery being advanced by meat ax methodology.

If our Letters To Ye Ed and the more numerous calls to WSJM's and WHFB's audience participation programs are at all indicative, it is apparent the trucker is uncertain as to how he regards himself.

Going by the standard dividing line in labor-management affairs, the one-man operator of a business is considered its owner. He retains this entrepreneurial status when he hires a clerk but acquires the added responsibility of being an employer.

An individual buying or financing a truck to haul merchandise on a contract or for a fee is a businessman venturing into a highly regulated field. Whether he drives the vehicle or engages somebody else to do so, or whether he belongs to the Teamsters Union does not alter the basic entrepreneurial philosophy of taking a financial gamble to make a profit.

Though for his own bookkeeping purposes he may mentally pay himself a wage as the driver of the truck to help determine the return on his investment he still has to be considered an owner.

In spite of this option for independence as opposed to the discipline of being an employee, much of the argument put forth to justify the strike pounds away on the theme that in his own way the independent trucker is fighting the battle for all labor.

If that grandiloquent assumption is correct, then a concerted closing of the Ma and Pa shops for higher prices is also fighting for labor's cause.

Somehow the owner-driver of a rig has convinced himself and a large segment of the public that he is not a small businessman but an employer for whom he contracts with to haul the latter's product.

Even many truckers not indulging in that false presentation have adopted a unique argument to bolster their position with the public.

This is the demand to roll back fuel prices to the May, 1973 level.

Given that break, they say, will eliminate the need to raise freight rates and to that extent ease the inflationary after effect on the ultimate consumer.

It amounts to one businessman seeking to stabilize himself at the expense of another, not through the higgling common to distributor and retailer but through governmental intervention.

Nobody is happy with the latest inflationary surge but except for obvious, isolated instances of price gouging, a rollback in one area and not in others would create more problems than it would solve.

Last week this column pointed out that most of the independent truckers' dilemma traces to an inelastic rate scheduling in Washington and in the state capitals depending on whether the trucker is hauling interstate or just within a state's boundary.

Belatedly, last week under the settlement engineered by Pennsylvania's Governor Shapp, the Interstate Commerce Commission granted a surcharge freight increase to accommodate the higher fuel cost on a pass through basis.

The state regulatory bodies are expected to follow suit quickly.

Though the action adds to inflationary pressure it is a reasonable response to marketplace conditions.

If the large truck lines shut down to force shippers to improve the former's profit margin, the White House would call out the troops to drive the rigs and the Justice Department would be filing anti-trust suits as fast as its copying machines could grind out the papers.

The same treatment would be handed out to the Ma and Pa shops if they barred their doors for a like purpose.

The truckers have made their point through identical action. The point has been conceded in a reasonable manner.

Now it's time to stop blockading the pumps, slicing tires, heaving rocks, potshotting drivers, and get rolling.

Angelina's Disappearance  
Symptomatic Of Her Role

San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto's wife Angelina disappeared for 20 days, then showed up this week.

Ever since, she's been playing a bigger part in His Honor's public life. She showed up with him at a press conference at which he announced his candidacy for governor. Lo and behold, she got most of the attention.

The mayor and she disagreed about why she had sought privacy by getting away from it all for a few days. He thought politicians' wives need more recognition, particularly after their families are grown and gone.

Angelina told assembled newsmen "he's got it all wrong." She appeared to be saying she wanted more of the mayor's time and attention.

## Such A Long Step

Headline: Kissing Hopeful that Several Arab Nations will End Embargo. The trouble is, it's such a long step from hope to assurance.

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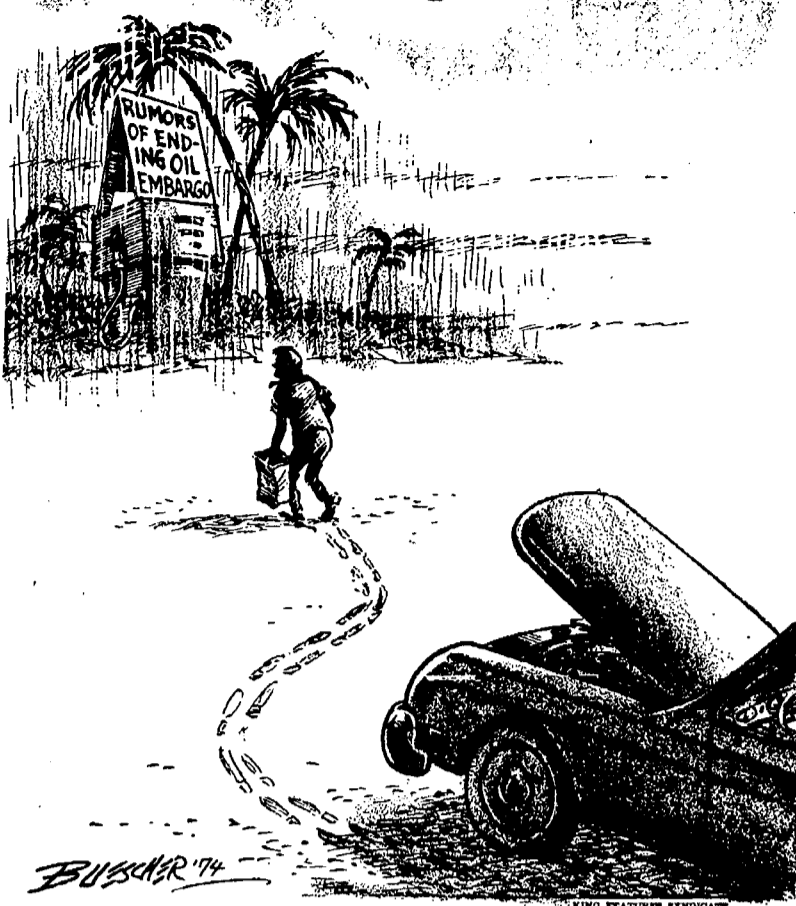
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## GLANCING BACKWARDS

WILL HEAD  
LATIN BUSINESS

— 1 Year Ago —

Theodore R. Lyon, vice president of the international division of Clark Equipment company, has been given responsibility for Clark's Latin American operations, according to Thomas L. Tyler, international division president.

Lyon will be in charge of Clark operations in Brazil, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Mexico, Peru and Venezuela. Lyon and his wife will continue to reside

in Buchanan. He has been vice president of the international division since 1970.

'LAKE MICHIGAN'  
IS NAME

— 10 Years Ago —

Berrien county's new junior college may lack a site but not a name. Trustees picked "Lake Michigan college" last night from among score of suggestions. The new name reportedly grew out of a "brainstorm" from ideas submitted by current college students and the

public.

They had a suggestion, too, for a site as recommended by a pair of university professors. But Chairman Robert Small said their report arrived only Monday noon. He said trustees will "digest and discuss it" and declined its release to the public, at least at present.

MILK PRODUCERS  
IN PARLEY

— 35 Years Ago —

Twenty years ago a score of dairymen showed faith in the co-operative Berrien County Milk Producers association, and today more than 600 persons gathered at the Naval Reserve armory in Benton Harbor for the 18th annual banquet of that organization.

From humble beginnings that organization has developed until it occupies a unique position among the cooperatives of the United States. And today's banquet, which followed the annual business meeting, was a marked departure from the first banquet which was held in 1921 in the cafeteria at the Benton Harbor Malleable plant. Today's banquet, arranged by M.H. Willis, featured a turkey dinner, and was followed by a program of music and other entertainment.

## RAISE FUND

— 45 Years Ago —

The Metropolitan club of Benton Harbor voted to raise \$8,000 in addition to their present fund of \$1,800 for the erection of a monument in memory of the seven Benton Harbor men who, with five St. Joseph firemen, lost their lives in the Yore Opera House fire of September 6, 1896.

THE TRENDS IN  
TV PROGRAMMING

Editor,

You know, like most people, I do have occasion to watch a little TV once in a while. Perhaps more than I'd care to admit.

Bandwagons being what they are, and mercenary producers being what they are, one hit show always seems to produce imitations. The success of Mannix gives us Cannon, Kojak, Barnaby Jones and Whatever. All in the Family gives us Sanford and Son, of course. Lots of Luck and Maude. The spinoffs are usually more violent or vulgar, and usually not as "good" as the original.

Everyone has head of the theory that violent programs may spur violent acts in real life. Maybe this has some merit and maybe not. I do remember that a woman in Boston was burned to death late last year less than a week after it was shown on TV. I sure hope it was a coincidence.

In view of all this enlightenment, I think most people consider a show like The Waltons rather refreshing and truly good. And now I see that this show has a spinoff coming up, called Apple's Way. I hope this is the beginning of a refreshing new direction in TV.

If the aforementioned theory has any merit at all, I hope this new trend gathers strength and does some good. Nothing else seems to work very well.

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## EDITOR'S MAILBAG

JESUS DID NOT  
HAVE LONG HAIR

Editor,

In answer to Dave Crum:

1. Jesus did not have long hair. This teaching came from the belief that Jesus was a Nazarene, but the Bible teaches, He was a Nazarene. The difference is because Jesus lived in the Town of Nazareth, he was called a Nazarene. Now the difference between a Nazarene and a Nazarene is — one is a place of residence, the other a consecrated vow of separation. The three marks of the Nazarene were: (1) a renunciation of wine and all products of the vine, including grapes; (2) prohibition of the use of the razor; (3) avoidance of contact with a dead body. A Jew will not wear long hair, because long hair is in God's sight — the women's glory, and is a shame for men to wear (1st COR. 11:14-15).

If Jesus had been a Nazarene He could not have laid hands on the dead and raised them to life. When a man wears long hair he is giving up his place as the spiritual leader and head of his house. In God's point of view the men are to be in authority and long hair on women, and short hair on men is one of the marks of this difference.

The church must bear the burden of trying to explain why the Sunday school books show Jesus with long hair, but as big-a-mistake as we made, we (the church) should admit it and then change it.

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Hartford.

IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE  
THAT MAKES A PERSON

Editor,

How easy it is to equate right and wrong with our own preferences and then proceed to rationalize rather than reason fairly and honestly the real qualities that constitute a person.

My older son grew a beard when such a style was only being seen on campus. I was quick to let him know how I thought it looked. Later his brother grew a moustache. Again I couldn't resist telling him he was better looking without it. But thank heavens I didn't suggest their moral characters were involved. Mostly we kidded about it. I was apt to hear something like, "Mom, haven't you put on another five pounds."

I remember when my father

questioned my good judgment of dating a fellow who would wear what was then known as a German haircut, later to be called a crew cut.

Now I was really rather embarrassed when one from the "mature good sense generation," tangled the long hair with green lights and red lights. The kids had a right to groan on that comparison.

Last summer we risked asking a long haired 16 year old to do some work for us. We even left the house and was unable to keep close watch of him. Do you know the work was well done in short order. He even did more than we expected. By the way, it was that Dave Crum who wrote to this forum on Wednesday, Feb. 6.

Mrs. Frank Kruger  
371 East Delaware  
Benton Harbor.

## Bruce Blossat

Defense Aims  
Remain Same

The Nixon government's motives were viewed as either clouded or questionable by defense critics when last month, Defense Secretary James Schlesinger proposed we "re-target" some of our potent nuclear missiles to aim them not at Soviet cities but at military targets.

The wisdom of the idea will continue under debate. But there should be no cloud hanging over our purpose. The intent, I can say flatly, is to convey what is deemed a vital message to the Soviet Union, to the American people, to Western Europe and to all areas dependent upon our nuclear umbrella.

There is deep concern here that, given recent Russian progress (and the prospect of more) in improving its nuclear weaponry in key respects, leaders in the Soviet Union and in Western Europe will believe — unless we can alter their perceptions — that the Kremlin is moving toward strategic advantage. The consequence could be a disbelief in the reality of our "nuclear deterrent" and, at the minimum, strong world political leverage for Russia.

Schlesinger's January assertions about re-targeting some of our weaponry, which actually were foreshadowed by earlier utterances, were intended to change sharply the perceptions of developing Soviet nuclear advantage in Moscow and the European capitals.

Unhappily, the jargon of the defense world got in the way. It led some doubters to wonder whether the new proposal might be tied up with SALT II disarmament maneuvering, or secret U.S. knowledge of some stunning Soviet breakthrough.

The doubts can be cast off. What this government intends is at heart simple: to convey to Russian and Western Europe the firm sense that the United States will not permit any Soviet

nuclear advantage — real or perceived — to be gained in the uncertain years ahead.

Up until now, the widely accepted notion that we possessed an effective nuclear deterrent has been founded upon our acknowledged capacity to inflict crushing damage upon a large proportion of Russia's city population and industry. This capacity has been understood as sure to be held in reserve for "second-strike" retaliation against an original enemy assault upon this country.

But the evident Moscow and European perceptions of developing Soviet advantage pose this dilemma:

Suppose the Kremlin orders a hand first blow only at our land-based missile silos and other military installations, but does not attack a single U.S. city. What is our response?

The argument from Schlesinger and others is that our only reply, under old policy, would be to hit Russian cities. But, the argument goes, Russia's gain in submarine-borne nuclear weaponry and other fields mean it could smash our cities in return. Hence our "deterrent" could be perceived, in these circumstances, as both "homocidal and suicidal."

A writer in Fortune Magazine's December issue says:

"Many analysts pondering this alternative scenario have concluded that no President would actually retaliate."

Our new aim, then, is to correct such corrosive perceptions, to tell Moscow and Europe that we, too, would use our weaponry in double fashion. In other words, if Russia hit just our military targets, imagining we would not touch off the mutual city strikes, the President under changed posture would have the option of striking back only at Soviet MILITARY TARGETS.

## Marianne Means

Politicians, Press  
Lose Credibility

WASHINGTON — Politically, the nation's capital is an armed camp.

The professional survival of a President is at stake, and Presidents don't go quietly. Being close to the White House used to cause men's heads to turn; now it causes them to roll.

Democratic politicians don't trust Republican politicians, and vice versa. Few politicians of either party trust the White House versa. But mostly they all distrust the media. The compliment is, of course, returned.

Breathes there a politician with soul so dead he never to himself (or his supporters) hath said: The biased media are out to get me. Nor, for that matter, breathes there an editor worth his salt who never to his reporters hath said: That son-of-a-gun can't pull the wool over my eyes.

Mutual suspicion is not only unavoidable but a pretty good deal for the voters, who sometimes learn more about what's

really going on behind the rhetoric when there's some emotional controversy than when there's not.

But what has happened here since the Watergate crimes began to unfold is far worse than the normal tension between politicians and the press.

Public confidence in both politicians and the press is at an all-time low, and probably deservedly.

Things have become so bad that Sen. John McClellan, D., Ark., that sensible Southern gentleman, virtually washed his hands of the press in general last week. He said, in essence, that the press was so hopelessly biased that Congress should consider a law to force newspapers to publish the replies of public figures who are attacked in their editorials.

It is not a totally new idea, but no national figure has previously ventured it for official consideration — not even former Attorney General John Mitchell, who in his heyday was known to mutter aloud about clipping the wings of reporters who refused to write his handouts verbatim.

A Florida measure with a similar concept is currently being tested in the courts. Many experts believe it will be found unconstitutional, in violation of guarantees of freedom of the press.

The media, to a person, would rather be burned at the stake than give up an inch of freedom to publish without political pressure. But those not so crazy about the press would have it that this concern about the public's right to know is really concern about the right to make a buck.

So what about the "right to reply"? Is that not a fair requirement, particularly in a poor public servant is laboring in a city where there is a newspaper or TV monopoly?

Like "right to work," and other major social struggles easily sloganized, it is not so simple as it appears.

## BERRY'S WORLD



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"I set my thermostat low to conserve gas. Now, they say, because of reduced usage the price of gas has to be raised. Goodbye, cruel world!"

## State Prizes Awarded To Local Journalists

Three Twin Cities journalists won six first place and two second place awards given by the Michigan Women's Press club at its semi-annual meeting Saturday and Sunday in Flint.

Arlys Derrick, women's editor for this newspaper, received two first place and a second; San Dee Wallace, staff writer,

was awarded a first and second, and three firsts were won by Marie Mikel, public relations and communications director for the Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Derrick's two first place awards were in the publicity or promotion (newspapers) category with no circulation classification for her stories on the annual Lake Front art fair sponsored by the St. Joseph Art Association and for her food pages in the classification of page regularly edited by a woman other than woman's pages, also no circulation classification. Her second place was received for her story on the

restoration of the fountain in Lake Front park in St. Joseph which ran Sept. 8 in this newspaper.

Mrs. Wallace's first place citation was for her review of the Community Concert which featured the World's Greatest Jazz Band (no circulation classification) and her second place was for news story, circulation 20,001 to 50,000, for her story on autistic children which appeared in January of 1973.

Mrs. Mikel's three first place awards were for Chamber of Commerce publications, "Available Publications," "Action Line," and "Program of Work," a special "Action Line."

The awards program this year was headed by Ellen Gondeck, women's editor, and Pat Gallagher, police reporter, for the Niles Daily Star.

All first place awards in the state contest will now be automatically entered in the writing awards contest for the National Federation of Press Women and awards will be made at its annual convention to be held in Bismarck, N.D., in June.



**WRITING AWARDS:** Annual writing contest awards for the Michigan Women's Press club were presented Saturday at luncheon in the Sheraton Motor Inn, Flint. From left, are Ellen Gondeck, women's editor for the Niles Daily Star, contest chairman, who presented the awards; Arlys Derrick

women's editor for this newspaper who received three awards; Marie Mikel of the Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce who also won three awards, and San Dee Wallace, staff writer for this newspaper, two awards. (Sandy Engle photo)



**WORKING ON ELKS CONVENTION:** One of the largest state conventions of the Michigan Elks Association is scheduled for St. Joseph April 25-28. Key convention leaders, conferring on details, are from left, Stanley Chisek, co-chairman; Jack Rowe in charge of the president's banquet and Don Krajecki, incoming exalted ruler.

## St. Joe Elks Will Host State Meeting

By DICK DERRICK  
SJ City Editor

More than 1,200 members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks from 71 Michigan lodges will gather in St. Joseph April 25-28 for one of the biggest conventions in the history of the Michigan State Elks association, the convention sponsor.

Delegates will be headed by state president Ralph Shoemaker of Grand Rapids lodge No. 50.

Members of St. Joseph Lodge

No. 541 have been working for months lining up accommodations for the visitors. Heading the convention committee are Stanley Chisek of Eau Claire, and Frank Kotyuk, St. Joseph, the co-chairmen.

One of the major features of the convention will be the elevation to the presidency of the state association of Richard Alber, Mendon, a former past exalted ruler of the St. Joseph lodge.

Highlights of the convention activities will include state championship in ritual competition. Seven lodges will compete for state honors with the winner moving on to national competition at the national Elks convention in Miami, Fla., in

July. The President's banquet is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, at Shadowland ballroom, with more than 500 Elks and their ladies expected to attend.

St. Joseph Elks working on the convention committee under co-chairmen Chisek and Kotyuk include PER John Larko, housing; PER Paul Sage, memorial; PER Jack Rowe, president's banquet; Len Beyn, finance; PER EMIL G. (Bud) Yircott, ladies activities; PER Mercer Fisher, courtesy cars; Ray Nordberg, programs; PER Lamont Tufts, past president's luncheon; PER Farrell Bender, ritual and drill team; PER Don Yates, registration; Jack Imbs, advertising; John Runyan, publicity; and Donald Krajecki, incoming exalted ruler.



**PROMOTED:** James Baum has been promoted to company buyer at Dynac Corporation, St. Joseph, according to Fred A. Reddel, Jr., company president. Baum will report to the plant manager for all buying activities including vendor selections, inventory and budgetary controls. Baum has been with Dynac since November, 1971. He and his wife, Cathy, reside at route 2, Benton Harbor. Dynac is a custom die caster of aluminum and zinc.

## Whirlpool Price Hike Scheduled March 1

Whirlpool Corp. indicated today that prices on most of its Whirlpool brand appliances will be increased effective March 1.

A spokesman said the U.S. Cost of Living council authorized the increases as of Feb. 1, on an application filed by Whirlpool in December.

The company declined to release details of the increases until the Cost of Living council makes a public announcement.

The spokesman emphasized that the increases will apply only to Whirlpool brand items, and not to appliances produced under other brands. He said approximately one-third of Whirlpool's production bears the Whirlpool name.

The company said the boosts will be the first for its full line of major home appliances in more than 2½ years since federal price controls were put into effect. It also noted that the average price of major appliances are three per cent below what they were 15 years ago, according to the federal Consumer Price Index. Meanwhile, the overall price index for all items reported has risen nearly 60 per cent.

## Bus Station Scene Of \$1,334 Theft

The reported theft of \$1,334 from a cash drawer at the Greyhound bus depot at 210 West Main street, Benton Harbor, was investigated by Benton Harbor police.

Depot Manager V.F. Hamilton told officers Saturday that the money was in an envelope in a cash drawer. The money, 59 one-dollar bills and the rest in \$20, \$10 and \$5 bills, was from Friday's receipts, police were told.

Officers said the cash drawer had not been forced open. The investigation continues.

### Buses Collide

**BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)** — Two passenger buses collided head-on at high speed in northern Thailand today, killing 25 persons and injuring 50. The accident occurred on the Bangkok-Chiang Mai highway about 175 miles north of Bangkok.

## Rent Strikers Demanding More Heat In Apartments

BY SCOTT WILLIAMSON  
Staff Writer

The former manager of an apartment building at 153 Pipestone street, Benton Harbor, said this morning that the tenants of the seven apartments in the building are conducting a rent strike.

Michael Shane, the former manager, said the tenants are withholding rent for one month, effective last Friday, "to demonstrate their wish to have ample heat for the protection of their children."

Shane charged that the owner of the building, Mrs. Sara Beaman, "has regularly failed to supply (the tenants) with heat for periods of as long as a week" and that lights and water had been turned off at different times.

Shane said petitions will be presented to a number of city

officials to initiate an investigation.

Fire Chief Harold Gaddie said his department investigated what was thought to be a fire at the building Feb. 1, but it was merely steam escaping from a window. He said, however, that there was no water being supplied to the apartments at the time, and that the heat was off "to make repairs." Water service has since been restored.

Gaddie said Mrs. Beaman was cited for improper maintenance of hallways and no water, but that his department has since "gotten quite a bit of compliance" in rectifying the situation.

Shane said one of the tenants and her four-month-old baby had to be admitted to the hospital in early January due to colds contracted "due to the poor heating situation." Gaddie said

he has urged the woman to move from the apartment, and to confer with the relocation department, but said she refused to move from the apartment.

Regarding the rent strike, Shane said the tenants will

deposit their rent monies into a bank account, and if the services contracted for have been supplied at the end of a month, the rents will be paid.

Mrs. Beaman could not be reached for comment this morning.

## Berrien Prosecutor Election Ordered

**LANSING** — Atty. General Frank Kelley ruled today that there should be an election in Berrien county for prosecutor this November to fill out the remaining term of Ronald J. Taylor.

Kelly said that a 1968 law takes precedence over a

previous one governing the selection of prosecutors.

Taylor resigned Feb. 1 and was succeeded by John Smietanka of Stevensville. Smietanka was chosen by the circuit judges of the county.

Taylor, however, asked the attorney general to rule on whether his successor will serve until the next general election, which is in November, or for the remainder of Taylor's original term which runs until 1976.

Kelly held that since Smietanka was appointed more than 150 days before the next general election, the office would be up for a vote at the November, 1974 election.

Smietanka said he would make his decision on whether to run for election for the remainder of the term later this year.

A conflict over whether the vote would be required arose because a 1923 law said appointees should hold the office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

## Construction Officials' Seminar On Job Safety, Health Is Feb. 19

A construction officials' seminar on the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) is scheduled Feb. 19 at Lake Michigan College.

The seminar, sponsored by the Construction Safety Institute of Lansing in cooperation with the State Department of Labor, is billed for private company and governmental construction supervisory personnel from southwestern Michigan.

It's one of 27 seminars in 20 cities statewide to explain federal-state OSHA regulations,

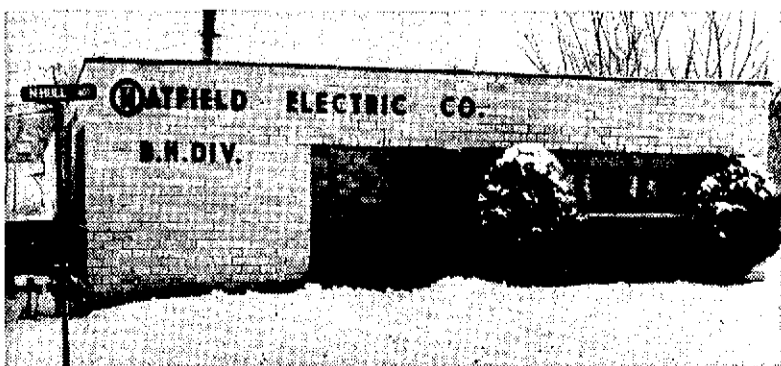
enforcement procedures, reporting requirements, inspections, and company safety programs.

Each session starts at 8 a.m., includes lunch and ends at 5 p.m.

Registration, covering the seminar, lunch and information kits, is \$40. Advance registrations can be made through the Construction Safety Institute, Inc., 200-B Mill street, Lansing, according to David G. Gardner, executive secretary.



**TO HEAD ELKS:** Richard Abler of Mendon, a former St. Joseph resident and past exalted ruler of the St. Joseph Elks lodge, is scheduled to be installed as president of the Michigan Elks association at annual convention to be held in St. Joseph April 25-28.



**NEW LOCATION IN BH:** Hatfield Electric Co., headquartered in Kalamazoo, has opened a division in Benton Harbor at 427 North Hull avenue. The building formerly was occupied by Regal Finishing Co. which moved to Bessemer road, Coloma. Horace Tabor, sales representative, said the Benton Harbor division serves industrial, commercial and walk-in customers with products of 17 manufacturers of motors, generators, transformers and parts. Service and repairs also are provided. (Staff photo)



**BUNDLING WEATHER:** Members of Parents Without Partners, Twin Cities chapter, are well-bundled Sunday for their annual picnic at Rocky Gap park, Benton township. Gathered around campfire and pot of piping hot chili are, (front row

from left): Vicki Steinke, Mary Speck, Lynn Cadwell, Patty Loccy, Kristy Kline, and Jim Speck. Behind them, from left, Dr. Robert Loccy, Ernest Kramer, Jeanette Cadwell, Carolyn Osgood, Phyllis Taylor, and Richard Dowsett. (Staff photo)

## This Year's 'Farmer's Week' Will Touch All Bases

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — It's called Farmers' Week, but it isn't just for farmers — especially this year.

Farmers' Week is a yearly tradition at Michigan State University, and the title dates back to 1914.

The conference's theme this year is "Food and Energy for the People," which at times seems to include just about every problem facing Michigan residents.

Statistically, the week of March 18-22 will attract some 15,000 guests for more than 100 sessions in which nearly 250 persons will participate.

Forty MSU departments are involved, 27 associations will hold meetings, 14 states and Canada will be represented, and

there will be 160 exhibits, eight lunches, six banquets and a breakfast conference with Gov. William Milliken.

Byron Good, MSU professor of animal husbandry and chairman of the event, calls Farmers' Week "a practical classroom for people in and out of the agricultural industry."

"Farmers' Week today enjoys the distinction of being one of the most outstanding educational events of its kind in the country," Good said. "It has become a major educational force in the field of agriculture in Michigan."

Among the programs will be energy-conserving practices for the farm and home, standby power sources and re-use of water and energy and environmental quality.

Gov. Milliken will discuss energy and land use, and a Department of Natural Resources program will tackle the problem of food and energy shortages in the recreation industry.

The President's Luncheon, featuring MSU President Clifton R. Wharton Jr., will be held March 20.

Commercial exhibitors will show farm machinery, handling equipment, agricultural building supplies and modern techniques, small tractors and landscaping and gardening equipment.

"This is the only machinery show in Michigan that offers such a breadth of farm equipment and building supplies."

said Bob Maddex, MSU agricultural engineer. "The variety of exhibits and the amount of specialized equipment shown is not matched at any fair or other event in the state."

Other exhibits will focus on resource development, family living, landscape architecture and botany and plant pathology.

This year's Farmers' Week is dedicated to Thomas K. Cowden, dean of the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources in 1954-1969.

Farmers' Week stems from a Farmers' Institute which began in 1875. It was first held in its present form in 1914.

### SEEK AUTHORITY

## Counties Scoring Points In Battle Of The 'Squeeze'

By PATRICK CONNOLLY  
Associated Press Writer

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Squeezed between state bureaucracy and cities fighting for survival, Michigan's counties are pushed and pulled by the problems of both.

The counties, however, are exerting their power and winning some points in the legislature, said Barry McGuire, executive director of the Michigan Association of Counties.

"We're getting all the work to do. When anybody wants to get rid of their library or park system, they give it to the counties. If cities get in a jam and want to cut something out, they throw it to the counties," said McGuire.

"We get the responsibilities, though, so we should no longer be the ugly stepchildren but the mechanism that makes government go," McGuire said.

About 400 members of the Michigan Association of Counties spent three days in Lansing last week talking about their problems and potential. McGuire believes that all Michigan's 83 counties are represented in the association.

"I believe counties are outdated unless they are given more authority to handle additional responsibilities. We need more taxing power. We have to continue with state revenue sharing," McGuire said.

Association members generally oppose Gov. William Milliken's plan to consolidate the departments of social services, public health and mental health into a super agency called the department of human services.

The association likes the idea of state-financed district courts but fears the loss of local power to the state.

The counties support the concept of granting tax credits to maintain agricultural land but, again, worry somewhat about losing local control, McGuire said.

"There's a great deal of fear of the unknown about the governor's super agency and our people do not accept it," McGuire said. "I don't think they'll ever accept it. Whether we can beat it down or not is questionable but we're not going to give up."

He said the basic problem is getting through to bureaucrats in a single-agency bureaucracy "when we can't get them to talk to us now in three individual departments."

McGuire also disputes executive office claims that the single agency will streamline getting services to people.

"The governor's budget contains \$453,000 to further inspect our sanitary landfills under the department of public health. It also says we must have sanitary landfills by Sept. 1.

"It doesn't seem to make sense that we get almost half a million dollars to police landfills but not one red cent to develop plans for creating landfills," McGuire said.

McGuire said counties also will push for additional taxing power for such things as countywide ambulance service in some areas. He also sees the day — if the state is serious about the landfills — when counties may have to tax for garbage pickup.

Counties are unhappy with the muscle district court judges exert on local officials, but are leery about turning over too much local control with the adoption of state financing of the courts.

"They are talking about taking away a court system that is self-liquidating basically and a local function. Whether the state can do a better job and ensure better justice, we'll just have to wait around and see," McGuire said.

He said judges in at least three counties — Livingston, Lapeer and Tuscola — have threatened to cite county commissioners for contempt because the judges believe not enough money has been pumped into financing their courts.

The Wayne County commissioners ran into the same threat about a year ago when they refused to pay court officers as much as judges deemed was proper.

"Local financing has its problems," McGuire said. "Judges can say that if we don't buy them an Oregon redwood desk and give them three secretaries, we're interfering with the proper administration of justice."

"Eventually it (state financing of district courts) will come but, meanwhile, we want some input," he said.



BUCHANAN MIDDLE SCHOOL: Workmen for Aulm construction, South Bend, pour footings for

Buchanan middle school, Fourth street road. School, costing \$5.8 million, is expected to be ready

when classes start next September. (Staff photo)

## Michigan Legislature

# Energy Crisis This Week's Top Concern

By MALCOLM JOHNSON  
Associated Press Writer

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Legislation dealing with the energy crisis tops a week in which the state legislature is expected to deal with few major bills but work on some key items in committees.

Ironically, the Senate will take control of, and may act on, a bill which would repeal an energy-saving device — the switch to year-round Daylight Saving Time.

The House, in a unanimous vote Friday, passed the bill which would exempt all but four counties in the Upper Peninsula from winter Daylight Saving Time, although it would not take effect until Oct. 27.

Thus Michigan would stay on fast time through the rest of the winter and next summer, and — assuming the federal law runs until its expiration a year from April — divorce itself from the rest of the nation next winter.

The same cries over increased accidents involving schoolchildren in predawn darkness which prompted the Michigan bill might force Congress to repeal the federal law before October, however. In addition, reported energy savings so far have been minimal.

The Senate also is expected to pass the bill without much controversy and Gov. William Milliken — although he would like Washington to take the whole nation off Daylight Saving Time — is expected to sign it.

Milliken, originally a supporter of Daylight Time to con-

serve energy, now favors its repeal.

Another energy-related bill, this one sure to save gasoline, is in a House committee and may be reported out and acted on this week. It would lower maximum speed limits in the state to 55 miles per hour.

Actually, two bills lie before the House Roads and Bridges Committee: a Senate version, which assesses no "points" against violators traveling more than 55 m.p.h. but less than the present 65 or 70 m.p.h. limit, and a House bill, which would penalize violators whatever speed limit they break.

Rep. Michael Novak, D-Detroit, committee chairman, says the legislature has "mixed emotions" over whether to include point penalties in the new law, and declined to predict which version would be reported out.

The state must reduce its speed limits by March 2 or lose federal highway funds, under a presidential order last month.

The House may act on a bill to permit the substitution of generic-named drugs for brand name medicine, a switch which supporters say may reduce the cost of prescriptions by up to 35 per cent.

The bill was reported out of committee last week and has the support of consumers groups, organized labor and Gov. Milliken. Consumers could ask their druggist to substitute the cheaper brand, if available, but a doctor could require a brand name drug be used if he thought a switch could be harmful.

House Speaker William Ryan, D-Detroit, said the House might drop, however, enforcement provisions to cover mandated drug price posting. That would

reduce the cost of the bill and keep it from being referred to the House Appropriations Committee.

The Senate, meanwhile, might vote on allowing right turns on red lights. Flashing red arrows or signs would have to be erected if such turns are permitted under a bill which has been altered from the House-passed version.

The House would have permitted such turns unless a sign prohibited it.

The Senate bill would require express action by local governing bodies to allow the turns. a

requirement supported by the state Highway Department. State Police apparently prefer the House version.

In other action, House-Senate conferees will resume work on a bill which would permit welfare recipients to have their checks sent directly to their bank accounts.

The committee's first report was approved by the Senate but rejected by the House over the dropping of an amendment which would have pressured welfare recipients to use the system.

In the House, a bipartisan

group of leaders will continue its discussion of several campaign reform bills now lying in a committee.

The parley was begun in an attempt to avoid political haggling on the floor, and Ryan predicted agreement and committee action by the end of the month.

The key bills involved are Senate-passed measures requiring the disclosure of funds obtained at political fundraisers and during political campaigns. The leadership has agreed to combine the two bills, Ryan said, and is working on

other issues.

The House Appropriations Committee will calculate the cost of a major land use bill, which is not expected to see floor action this month.

The bill, which would establish a land use commission to begin a program of controlling development on key open land in Michigan, was reported out of another House committee last week.

Finally, another House committee may take action on a series of bills involving construction safety, landlord-tenant relations and other problems involving mobile homes.

## Snowstorm Closes Schools In Berrien, Van Buren

Snowdrifts created out of 4 to 8 inches snow over the weekend and 15 to 25 mile an hour winds closed a number of schools in Van Buren county and one school system in northern Berrien county today.

Lighter amounts of snow across most of Berrien and Cass counties created slippery driving conditions but avoided heavy drifting. Two to four inches of new snow were reported in these areas over the weekend. Snow fell both on Saturday and Sunday.

Drifting was reported on secondary roads in central and eastern Berrien county last night, but the snow was light and the drifts moderate, allowing traffic to move. County road commission snow crews dis-

persed the drifts easily in the early morning.

Van Buren schools closed today were Hartford, Lawrence, South Haven, Bangor, Bloomingdale, Decatur, Hartford Seventh Day Adventist, and Arlington school.

Coloma schools in Berrien also yielded to the wintry onslaught and were closed for the day.

Herbert Teichman, Eau Claire fruit grower and a cooperating observer with the U.S. Weather Service, said four inches of snow fell at his station Saturday and Sunday. He recorded total snow cover on the ground at six inches this morning. Harry Bush, also a Weather Service cooperating observer at Paw Paw, said 2½ inches fell there over the weekend. Areas

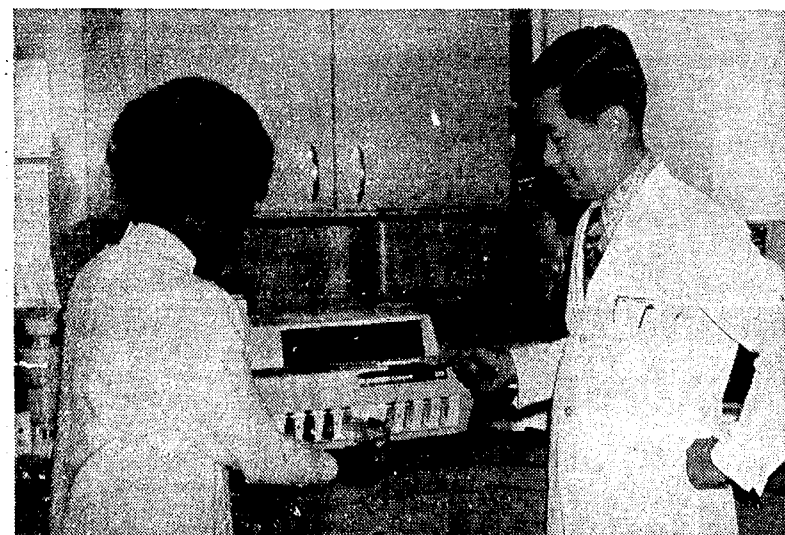
closer to Lake Michigan in Berrien county measured around two to three inches of new snow over the weekend. Low temperature readings last night were around 15 degrees.

Snow and wind was general over most of Michigan yesterday. State police said roads were slippery and snow-covered all around the state, in both the lower and upper peninsulas.

The Weather Service forecast a chance of light snow tonight and again Tuesday, with slightly moderating temperatures.

### Fund Raising Delayed

DETROIT (AP) — Gov. William G. Milliken has postponed the start of a fund-raising campaign due to possible conflicts with the new code of ethics for state employees, a newspaper says. The Detroit Free Press said in today's editions the governor delayed plans by his supporters to send out invitations to a trio of \$125-a-couple dinners next month because lobbyists and their clients probably will be big targets of the campaign.



DONATED TO HOSPITAL: Gideon Chen (right), assistant laboratory director at Berrien General hospital, and Dorothy Brown, laboratory technician, operate automatic blood analyzer. Device can run over 30 different tests on a patient's blood in very short period. The computerized blood chemistry analyzer gift to hospital from Drs. F.H. Cox, Pliny Keep, Bruce Mesara and Philip Giesen, all of Kalamazoo, who as a group act as consultants to the Berrien General lab and other hospital labs in southwestern Michigan.

## 'Energy' Savings Time Victim

# Injuries Fatal To Schoolgirl

NILES — A 17-year-old Niles girl has become southwestern Michigan's first school student traffic fatality of daylight savings time darkness.

Diana Lynn Lary, 2559 Kennedy street, rural Niles, died at Pawating hospital here Saturday. She was injured when struck by a car early Tuesday morning while walking to a school bus stop, according to state police at the Niles post.

She is the first school student in southwestern Michigan to die of accident injuries suffered during early-morning darkness

of daylight savings time.

School and safety experts have warned that school students face traffic dangers because of the daylight savings

p.m. as a result of the accident injuries, according to police.

Officers said she was injured in an accident on Huntly road, west of Niles in Cass county's Howard township.

Her death raises the 1974 Cass county traffic toll to four.

Troopers said Miss Lary was injured about 7:30 a.m. when struck by a car driven by a youth troopers identified as John Butt, 17, 1399 Barron Lake road, Niles.

Police said Butt had just passed a school bus and was pulling back into his driving

lane when the girl was struck.

Butt told troopers he could not avoid the girl because of fresh snow on the roadway.

Police said the school bus was in motion at the time, making it legal for vehicles to pass it.

Following the accident, Butt was issued a ticket for driving too fast for road conditions, police said.

Miss Lary's body was taken to Pifer chapel, Swem-Smith funeral home in Niles which is in charge of handling funeral arrangements.



APPOINTMENT: Paul J. Kaiser, Paw Paw, engineer-manager of Van Buren county road commission, has been appointed a commissioner on Southwest Michigan Council of Boy Scouts of America. He replaces William D. Ervin of Kalamazoo who moved to South Bend, Ind., according to a scout spokesman. (Staff photo)

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Auto Deaths  
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time imposed as an energy-saving method.

Miss Lary, a senior at Niles high school, died about 1:30